Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for detachably holding a transverse rod (7) supported by at least two supporting arms (3,3), comprising

supporting arms (3,3) ,each of the supporting arms (3,3) including a first end (31) and a second end (30) and being fixed detachably in a supporting structure (1,2) by way of the first end (31);

a transverse rod (7); and

connection means for receiving the transverse rod (7), the connection means being arranged at the second end (30) of each supporting arm (3,3), the second end projecting into a room, the connection means having a fork-shaped design with an opening for receiving the cross section of the transverse rod (7) and partially enclosing the transverse rod (7) while clamping the transverse rod (7), the connection means (5,6) comprising:

an adaptor (5) attached to the second end (30) of the supporting arm (3,3); and

an insert (6) sized and shaped so as to be fitted onto the adaptor (5) and producing elastic clamping forces,

the insert (6) extending radially over more than half the circumference of the transverse rod (7) and has an opening, and, when the transverse rod (7) is inserted, the insert (6) first widens and then narrows, whereby an inserted transverse rod (7) is

supported from below while being clamped,

the adaptor (5) comprising a basic body (50) and including an arcuate cutout (51) with a through-passage direction (R) situated transversely to the supporting arm (3,3) and axially to the secured transverse rod (7); a first upwardly extending prong (54) passing on one side round the cutout (51) and including a first free upper end, and a second upwardly extending prong (54) passing on an opposite side round the cutout (51) and including a second free upper end; and a first lug (52) ~~continuing at~~ projecting from the first free, upper end of the prong (54), and a second lug (52) ~~continuing at~~ projecting from the second free, upper end of the prong (54), the first and second lugs being directed toward one another and into the cutout (51);

the insert (6) having a half-shell shape and including two upper ends (60,61) projecting into the room and leaving between the two upper ends (60, 61) the opening; a curved inner face (63) and a curved outer face (64); a groove (65) extending circularly on the outer face (64), terminating adjacent to the upper ends (60,61) and sized and shaped so as to partially receive the adaptor (5); and a first aperture (62) present at one end of the groove (65) and sized and shaped so as to engage the first lug (52), and a second aperture (62) present at the opposite end of the groove (65) and sized and shaped so as to engage the second lug (52).

2. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the insert consists of elastic material.

3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the transverse rod (7) has a diameter (d), the lugs (52) on the adaptor (5) being arranged at a distance (d) which corresponds to the diameter (d) of the transverse rod (7), thereby, in the assembled state, with insert (6) included, the transverse rod (7) inserted into the adaptor (5) lies in a clamped-in manner between the lugs (52) so as to secure against rotation.

4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

a) a groove (53) is present at the bottom of the cutout (51) of the adaptor (5); and

b) a raised rib (66) ~~runs~~ is located in the groove (65) of the insert (6) and, when the insert (6) is fitted on, comes to lie in the groove (53) in the adaptor (5).

5. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein

a) the supporting structure (1,2) comprises a panel wall (1) mounted permanently in a building, having securing means (2) mounted thereon;

b) the securing means (2) are formed by profiled vertical rails;

c) the supporting arms (3,3) are provided at the first end (31) with a connecting piece (4) which is intended to be detachably fastened in the securing means (2).

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12. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the adaptor (5) has a circumference, and the insert (6) has a circumference substantially similar to the circumference of the adaptor (5).